



February 6, 2018

House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Keny Guyer and Members of the Committee:

The City of Hillsboro supports HB 4007, which would increase the document recording fee and expand dedicated state resources to support important programs across the continuum of housing needs.

The City of Hillsboro is committed to affirmatively addressing affordable housing and homelessness in the City as reflected in the Council's 2018 priorities. At the direction of Council, City staff is developing an Affordable Housing Action Plan which will strengthen participation and partnerships on this critical issue.

As you know, strong partnerships are required to effectively address affordable housing and homelessness. Whether it is preserving existing affordable housing, developing new affordable housing stock, ensuring we have adequate housing to support our workforce, or providing shelter and services to our homeless residents, moving the needle requires investments of time and resources from multiple stakeholders. HB 4007 makes the state an even stronger partner in all of these areas.

The City appreciates the significant commitment to affordable housing and homelessness made during the 2017 session. HB 4007 will serve as an enduring commitment to these critical issues and will provide cities and other stakeholders with a base level of certainty about the amount of resources available for investments in projects and programs across the state.

We urge your support for HB 4007.

Sincerely,



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